

FIRST DAY

MORNING MEETING

Friday, April 5, 1935.

When the time for commencing the Conference arrived the large auditorium and galleries of the great Tabernacle were filled, nearly every seat being occupied, with people from the various stakes and missions of the Church.

The first session began promptly at 10 o'clock a. m., at which time President Heber J. Grant announced that the Relief Society Singing Mothers, under the direction of Charlotte O. Sackett, would furnish the music for this meeting, and would join with the congregation in singing, as an opening number, "We thank thee, O God, for a prophet."

After the singing of this hymn, the invocation was offered by Elder Clifford E. Young, President of the Alpine Stake.

The hymn, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way," was sung by the Relief Society Singing Mothers, Harold H. Bennett, soloist.

PRESIDENT DAVID O. MCKAY

Second Counselor in the First Presidency

Read the financial and statistical report of the Church, as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The expenditures by the Church for year 1934:

Stake and Ward Purposes:

There has been returned from the tithes to the stakes and wards for the construction of ward and stake

meeting houses	\$ 197,903.90
For ward maintenance expenses	634,317.73
For stake maintenance expenses	201,426.30
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Education:

Expended for the maintenance of Church school system	\$ 459,580.65
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Temples:

Expended for the maintenance and operation of temples	\$ 151,539.91
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Charities:

For the care of the worthy poor and other charitable purposes, including hospital treatment	\$ 158,149.86
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Missionary Work:

For the maintenance and operation of all the missions, and for the erection of places of worship and other buildings in the missions	\$ 593,459.62
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Total	\$2,396,377.97
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Which has been taken from the tithes and other Church funds and returned by the Trustee-in-Trust to the Saints for the maintenance and operation of the stakes and wards, for the maintenance and operation of Church schools and temples, for charities and mission activities.

Other Charities:

In addition to charities paid from the tithes as before named, there has also been disbursed the fast offerings, other charities and assistance rendered by the Relief Society in the sum of \$360,116.40, which amount, added to the \$158,149.86 paid from the tithes, makes the total charity assistance rendered by the Church \$ 518,266.26

Expended for the Maintenance of Missionaries:

There has been collected by the various wards of the Church and paid to missionaries to assist in their maintenance \$ 59,892.65

Average cost per missionary in the missions during the year 1934, \$28.85 per month, or a total of \$364.20 per year per missionary. There was an average of 1,052 missionaries in the various missions during 1934, making a total average expense for the year, (\$364.20 x 1,052) \$ 364,202.40

Estimated average earnings per missionary \$900.00 per year x 1,052, average number of missionaries, makes an estimated total of what these missionaries might have earned if at home of \$ 946,800.00 making a total estimated contribution of missionaries and their families to the Church for the preaching of the Gospel \$1,370,895.05

STATISTICS AND OTHER DATA COMPILED FROM THE ANNUAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR 1934

There were on December 31, 1934: 110 Stakes of Zion; 954 Wards; 81 Independent Branches; 33 Dependent Branches, or a total of 1,068 wards and branches in the stakes of Zion; also, 31 missions (including the European Mission), 871 mission branches, and 202 districts.

Church Membership:

Stakes	579,118
Missions	151,620
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Total	730,738

Church Growth:

Children blessed and entered on the records of the Church in the stakes and misisons	20,103
Children baptized in the stakes and missions	14,753

Converts baptized in the stakes and missions	7,407
Number of long-term missionaries from Zion, December 31, 1934	1,249
Number of short-term missionaries from Zion, December 31, 1934	52
Number of local missionaries	82
Total number of missionaries on foreign missions	1,383
Number engaged in missionary work in the stakes	1,633
Total Missionaries	3,016
Number of missionaries who received training at the Missionary Home	720
Persons recommended to the temples from the stakes	79,089

Social Statistics:

Birth rate, 27.7 per thousand.

Marriage rate, 17.3 per thousand.

Death rate, 7.1 per thousand.

Families owning their own homes, 61.2 per cent.

CHANGES IN CHURCH OFFICERS SINCE LAST OCTOBER CONFERENCE

Auxiliary Association Changes:

Released—General Superintendency of Sunday Schools:

President David O. McKay; Stephen L. Richards; George D. Pyper.

Appointed—

George D. Pyper, General Superintendent,
Milton Bennion, First Assistant General Superintendent,
George R. Hill, Second Assistant General Superintendent.

Released—General Superintendency of Y. M. M. I. A.

George Albert Smith; Richard R. Lyman; Melvin J. Ballard.

Appointed—

Albert E. Bowen, General Superintendent,
George Q. Morris, First Assistant General Superintendent,
Frank L. West, Second Assistant General Superintendent.

New Mission Presidents:

Reinhold Stoof released as President of the South American Mission. The Mission was divided and W. Ernest Young was appointed President of the Argentine Mission and Rulon S. Howells, President of the Brazil Mission.

Joseph J. Cannon succeeded James H. Douglas as President of the British Mission.

Nicholas G. Smith succeeded Alonzo A. Hinckley as President of the California Mission.

Abel S. Rich succeeded John V. Bluth as President of the Canadian Mission.